St. Thomas Episcopal Church



Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

October 27, 2024
2201 Dexter St., Denver, CO
saintthomasdenver.org

Welcoming Statement

At St. Thomas Episcopal Church, we affirm God's love for all of God's people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whatever your age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background or social or economic circumstance or political affiliations, you are welcome here. We share a love of God and each other, a sense of meaning and belonging, a yearning to learn and grow in faith, and a desire to serve others. We are a vibrant, thriving community with opportunities for people of all ages for spiritual growth, fellowship, and making a transformative difference in our community. As an Episcopal Church, we are a worshipping community that is both rich with ancient tradition and relevant to life in the 21st century. We are glad you are here!

Learn More About St. Thomas

If you would like to learn more about St. Thomas, we invite you to visit our website (www.saintthomasdenver.org), subscribe to our weekly newsletter (link is on website), or schedule a conversation with our priest by emailing her at terri@saintthomasdenver.org.

Inclusive Language:

At St. Thomas, we support and encourage the use of inclusive language. Towards that end we often choose more contemporary prayers and hymns for our worship service. However, we recognize that many parishioners also appreciate and love our traditional prayers and hymns that employ more patriarchal language. When such prayers or hymns are included in our worship, we encourage you to substitute the word or pronoun that most resonates with you when you pray or sing.

Presiding this Week: The Rev. Terri Hobart
Preaching this Week: The Rev. Terrance Carroll

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St. Thomas, Civil Rights and The African American Tradition of Spirituals and Freedom Songs

Enslaved Africans Americans created songs to express the hardships of slavery and their longing for freedom and home. Many spirituals combine lyrics about Christian themes with musical elements typical of West and Central Africa, making these songs one of the few ways in which slaves could preserve a small part of their native culture. Music was a common element for Africans from many disparate tribes as they faced new circumstances of terrible suffering and gradually forged a communal identity as African Americans. As they were passed down over the generations, many spirituals were adapted to new circumstances and became important sources of inspiration and expressions of protest in the 20th century, especially during the Civil Rights movement. Music energized the Civil Rights Movement, motivating protestors on long marches and providing psychological strength against harassment and brutality.

St. Thomas has a long legacy of social justice advocacy. In the 1960's a coalition of Park Hill churches, including St. Thomas, their congregants, and other neighborhood residents established the Park Hill Action Committee to create an inclusive neighborhood by dismantling school segregation and the practice of redlining. Park Hill and St. Thomas quickly became the center of the civil rights movement in Colorado. Our work continues to this day. Beginning this September 15th and continuing through the fall, the St. Thomas Choir invites everyone to join them during the offertory in singing Freedom Songs from the Spirituals Tradition. It is our deepest hope that these songs will once again inspire, energize and mobilize us to stand up to those who would strip the rights from people of color, women, immigrants, the LBGTQ community, and people of other faith traditions.

Faith and Democracy Sermon Series

In this election season, as we encourage people to let the gospel values guide their actions, conversations and voting decisions, we will be examining six fundamental teachings of our faith drawn from Jim Wallis' book The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith and Refounding Democracy.

September 22, 2024	Luke 10:25-37
The Rev. Terri Hobart	*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. …Who is my neighbor?*
September 29, 2024	Genesis 1:26
Mark Retherford	*Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'*
October 6, 2024	John 8:32
Cate Colburn-Smith	*and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'*
October 13, 2024	Matthew 25:31-46
The Rev. Terri Hobart	*As you have done to the last of these, you have done to me.*
October 20, 2024	Matthew 5:9
The Rev. Terri Hobart	*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the "children of God."*
October 27, 2024	Galatians 3:28
The Rev. Terrance Carroll	*There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.*

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Terrance Carroll

There is no longer Jew or G reek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ~ Galatians 3:28

The Rev. Terrance D. Carroll will joins us today to close out our sermon series on faith and democracy.

The Rev. Terrance D. Carroll, Esq. was the 54th Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives. He is the only African-American to have served as Speaker of the Colorado House. Terrance has been listed by *5280 Magazine* as one of the "50 Most Influential People in Denver," Terrance's entry noted his reputation as a skillful dealmaker, stating that he is a "critical and respected negotiator."

Currently, Terrance is an attorney with Sherman and Howard, leading the firm's government and political law practice. He is also an opinion columnist for the Denver Post and a Distinguished Guest Lecturer in the Master of Public Policy program at the University of Redlands in California.

Additionally, the Denver Business Journal has listed Terrance as a Power Book Industry Leader in Law. He is an alum of the Marshall Memorial Fellowship of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. He previously served as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Terrance is a graduate of the Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law, and holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Iliff School of Theology in Denver. He is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Churches-USA and the Progressive National Baptist Church.



Processional *Lead Me, Guide Me* LEVAS #194

Please stand in body or spirit.



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Opening Acclamation

Presider Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. *1 John 4:7-8*.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Gloria **LEVAS #243**





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The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, and, by the power of the Spirit, respond in your name to heal the afflicted and welcome the abandoned; for your sake and the sake of the gospel. **Amen**. *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (2002) alt.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit as you are able.

A Reading from Job **Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

Job answered the LORD:

"I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
'Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.'
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes."

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

The Response

After the Reading:

Reader. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

I will bless God at all times, *
and praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the Holy One; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of God; *
let us exalt God's Name together.

**I sought, and God answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon the Most High and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction and God heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angels encompass those who fear God, *
and God will deliver them.

**Taste and see that God is good; *
happy are they who trust in the Most High!**

Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but God will deliver them out of them all.

**God will keep safe all their bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**O God, you will ransom the life of your servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in you.**

A Reading from Galatians **Galatians 3:23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there

is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Response

After the Reading:

Reader. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Please stand in body or spirit.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah MHSO #18



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The Gospel **Mark 10:46-52**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

After the Gospel:

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Dismissal Of Children for Godly Play Story

Sung after final gradual verse as children leave the church.

Go now in peace.
Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere
You may go

Homily

Please sit as you are able.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand in body or spirit.

We believe in the God of Life,
who creates and loves people,
who acts in history
and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,
who is our brother,
who wants not to be idolized but to be followed.

We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit;
without her we are nothing;
filled with her we are able to become creative,
lively, and free.

We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ,
a community where we find companions and
courage for the struggles of life,
where we grow in our understanding of the faith,
through worship, prayer, nurture, and service.

We believe that God has a use for us in this time and
place, that though we walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, we are called to be
instruments of God's peace.

We believe in living, hoping, laughing, and enjoying
the good of the earth;

We believe that people can change, and God keeps
pulling us to life and to a new world of joy
and peace. ~ *Women's Uncommon Prayers*

The Prayers of The People

Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.
During the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Kym, our Rector, Terri; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.
Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.
Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. [especially_____] Pray for those in any need or trouble.
Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.
Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially_____]. Pray for those who have died.
Silence

I ask your prayers for those on your heart today:_____.
Silence

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving:_____.
Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially_____whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.
Silence

The Collect

Presider God of love, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and forever. **Amen**.

Confession

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ. Please remain at your seat and greet the people adjacent to you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem *I (We) Shall Not Be Moved* Mississippi John Hurt

During this hymn the offering is collected. We invite you to generously support the ministries of St. Thomas. If you give electronically, please place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate in lieu of your gift. Scan to donate:

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We shall not, we shall not be moved
We shall not, we shall not be moved
Just like a tree planted by the water
We shall not be moved

When the burden's heavy, we shall not be moved
When the burden's heavy, we shall not be moved
Just like a tree planted by the water
We shall not be moved

Don't let the world deceive you, we shall not be moved
Don't let the world deceive you, we shall not be moved
Just like a tree planted by the water
We shall not be moved

Come and join the battle, we shall not be moved
Come and join the battle, we shall not be moved
Just like a tree planted by the water
We shall not be moved

We shall not, we shall not be moved
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Presentation Hymn *Doxology* Hymnal 1982 #380 vs 3

Please stand as you are able.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is our duty and our joy to give you thanks and praise, O God, creator and sustainer of the universe. We give you thanks for sun and sea and sky, for plants, birds and animals, for phases of the moon, for stars at night, and planets in their courses. All you make is very good. We give you thanks for our creation and our calling, for friendship and community, for love and laughter, tears and pain of growth.

For your gift of life we praise you we worship and adore you. We give you thanks with those who went before us, with saints and martyrs, evangelists and prophets. With all who stand before you in earth and heaven, from every culture, land and tongue, we praise you, giving voice to every creature, as we join the never ending hymn:

Sanctus LEVAS #255



The people stand or kneel in body or spirit.
Presider (continues)

Blessed are you, most Holy, in Jesus Christ, who came among us as a servant and a friend to reconcile us to yourself. We thank you for that life of love, the good news of your reign, and the promise of a banquet where all your children shall be free. To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

And so we gather around your table and with this bread of life and this cup of salvation we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit this bread and this wine and upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness.

Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, we worship you, O God.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. **AMEN**.

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Presider And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we, are bold to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Albert Hay Malotte



The Breaking of The Bread

Fraction Hymn *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* WLP #784



The Invitation to The Table

The Communion of the People

All who love God and seek Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive the bread, please place one hand over the other. If you choose not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicating your desire by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free communion wafers and chalice are available. Simply, indicate your desire to the clergy. Please note: We do not allow intinction (dipping the bread into the wine.) If you need to have communion brought to you, please alert an usher and the clergy will come to you.

Communion Hymn *One Bread, One Body* LEVAS #151



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Post-Communion Prayer
Please stand or kneel in body or spirit.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Blessings

Welcoming Visitors

Announcements

Read Our Weekly Newsletter:

Final Blessing
Please stand in body or spirit.

May All Being Dwell in the Heart



Recessional Hymn *Lead With Love* By Melanie DeMore

You gotta put one foot in front of the other
And lead with love
Put one foot in front of the other
And lead with love

Verses (call & response)

Don't give up hope
You're not alone
Don't you give up
Keep movin on

Lift up your eyes
Don't you despair
Look up ahead
The path is there

I know you're scared
And I'm scared too
But here I am
Right next to you

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of the risen Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

COMMUNICATION COVENANT

1. If we have a concern or issue that involves someone, we will discuss it with that person privately.

2. If someone has a concern or issue with another person and comes to us, we will send them to that person.

3. If someone is reluctant to speak to the person with whom they have a concern, we will offer to accompany him or her to see that person.

4. We will not interpret what others say or mean. (We will ask them if we are unclear of their intentions.)

5. If something is confidential, we will not share it with anyone. Exception: If you are aware that a) someone is going to physically harm someone else; b) someone is going to harm herself/himself; c) a child has been physically or sexually abused, please consult with the clergy.

6. We will not read or react to unsigned letters or notes.

7. We will not act on anonymous complaints brought by others.

8. We will not manipulate; We will not be manipulated. We will not let others try to manipulate others through us.

9. When in doubt, we will just say what is on our minds. The only dumb questions are the ones that are not asked.

10. When in disagreement, we will say it. We cannot resolve issues that are left unspoken. We cannot work together without mutual understanding and trust.

11. Our relationships with each other are the most important asset in our community. So, if we have a concern, we will pray and then, if led, speak up.

ST. THOMAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LEAD WITH LOVE

OUR WHY: To Lead With Love

We lead with love by:

- Being an inclusive, welcoming space for all.
- Seeking the holy in ourselves, each other, and the world
- Making a difference in our community

CORE VALUES

- ATTEND TO OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES
  Through prayer, spiritual practices and formation, we weave our relationship with the Holy into the fabric of our daily lives. Prayer and discernment guide ministries and worship. (Foundational)
- CHOOSE LOVE
  We act from love not fear; build bridges not walls. (Foundational)
- CREATE AND SUSTAIN COMMUNITY
  We gather and care for each other. We cultivate deep relationships. We will prioritize our relationships with each other over the differences that separate us. (Foundational)
- WELCOME ALL
  All means all and all are welcome. We promote an inclusive culture by 1) fostering the skills to shift our cultural perspectives and appropriately adapt our behavior to bridge cultural differences; 2) cultivating the self-awareness and empathy needed to value difference in working toward equity. (Missional)
- HONOR DIVERSITY
  All are welcome. Our leadership, worship, music and ministry initiatives will reflect our diversity. (Missional)
- PROMOTE THE DIGNITY OF ALL
  Through formation, lobbying and other initiatives we prayerfully engage in social justice activities that promote and protect the dignity of all people. (Missional)
- CARE FOR CREATION
  We value our interdependence with creation and recognize our role as stewards. We incorporate practices that protect, sustain, and nourish our fragile earth and her inhabitants.
- ENGAGE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
  We open our hearts and doors to our individual and church neighbors, strive to understand their needs and support them.
  (Missional)
- NURTURE THE NEXT GENERATION
  We offer, support and staff worship and formation opportunities for families and children. (Missional)
- CULTIVATE BEAUTY
  We tend to the beauty of our space, worship and music that evokes a sacred sense of awe, stillness and joy. (Missional)

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